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I feel that the Proposed settlement is insufficient. In order to get an appropriate resolution I feel that we need to look toward a healthier segment of the technology industry: hardware. In the hardware industry there are several standards bodies that allow for interoperability and competition. These include JEDEC and IEEE. Some of the things that these bodies require includes disclosure of patents. Just look at the recent incidents with RAMBUS to see how these organisations are helpful to maintain competition. Also these standards bodies force companies to work together to generate standards very early in the development of new technologies. This prevents the 'first kid on the block' from becoming the only kid on the block.

The main area in the hardware industry where there is little competition is with CPUs. This is in my opinion a result of the Microsoft monopoly.

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